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In re Patent Application of:
Haifeng CHEN et al.

Application No.: 10/089,394

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: March 29, 2002

Examiner: M. Marvich

For: PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT AAV
USING ADENOVIRUS COMPRISING AAV
REP/CAP GENES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 24, 2003 for which a response is due on November 24, 2003. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-18 and 24, drawn to an adenovirus vector for the manufacture of rAAV (recombinant AAV) comprising the AAV rep gene wherein the AAV p5 promoter is deleted upstream of the rep gene and methods of producing rAAV using the adenovirus vector.

Group II, claims 19-21, drawn to a lysate and purified comprising rAAV produced by the method of Group I.

Group III, claims 22-23, drawn to methods for transient or stable gene transfer using the rAAV of Group II.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following comments.

The International Searching Authority initially determined that two inventions were claimed: invention 1, claims 1-18 and 24; and invention 2, claims 19-23. The International Preliminary Examining Authority indicated in the Written Opinion mailed September 21, 2001 (copy attached) that all inventions were examined since the second invention could be examined without effort justifying an additional fee.

The USPTO Examiner has required restriction from among 3 groups in spite of an International Search Authority indicating that there are only two groups and an International Examining Authority stating that *all* claims could be examined *without effort justifying an additional fee*. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and submit that there is no search burden to the USPTO Examiner in searching all groups together.

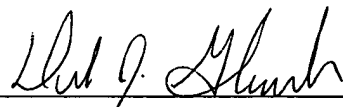
Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18 and 24, with traverse. Applicants request rejoinder of methods claims to the extent they depend from or include all the limitations of allowable product claims. See *In re Ochiai*.

In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner's attention to what appears to be an error in recitation of "Group I-V" at the bottom of page 2. Applicants believe the Examiner intended to recite "Groups I-III".

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Dated: November 19, 2003

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